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**Studsvik AB (publ) – Interim Report, January – September 2003**



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- Profit after tax amounted to SEK 30.5 million (-25.9), of which SEK 22.2 million (6.9) during the third quarter.
- Earnings per share after tax amounted to SEK 3.76 (-3.19), of which SEK 2.73 (0.86) was attributable to the third quarter.

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**Net Sales**

During the third quarter, net sales amounted to SEK 304.1 million (250.5), and for the period of January to September, to SEK 832.3 million (743.2). Foreign exchange effects, excluding the effects of hedging, had a negative impact of SEK 36,4 million on net sales, compared with the corresponding period of 2002.

Sales abroad increased and amounted to 70 (68) per cent of net sales. The increase is mainly attributable to the business in Erwin and IFM, Industrieanlagen Fritz & Max, which was acquired on April 1, 2003.

**Profit**

Operating profit for the third quarter amounted to SEK 28.3 million (8.2), and for the period of January to September, to SEK 52.5 million (-13.6). Foreign exchange effects on the translation of the accounts of foreign subsidiaries had a negative impact on operating profit of SEK 1.6 million, compared with the corresponding period of 2002.

Profit before tax for the third quarter amounted to SEK 25.8 million (10.3), and for the period of January to September, to SEK 46.1 million (-13.0).

**Business Segments**

The Group is organized into four strategic business units (SBU): Nuclear Technology, Waste & Decommissioning, Industrial Services and Nuclear Medicine. This is the main basis of business segmentation.

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### **Nuclear Technology**

Net sales for the SBU in the third quarter amounted to SEK 58.1 million (59.1), and for the period of January to September, to SEK 217.3 million (242.9). Operating profit for the third quarter amounted to SEK 4.9 million (-2.8) and to SEK 13.1 million (10.3) for the period of January to September. The USD is the dominant foreign currency within the SBU. However, the declining USD exchange rate has had a marginal impact on profit since, in addition to deliveries made, provisions for the future management of spent nuclear fuel for the R2 reactor are estimated in USD.

The trend of a somewhat increased demand for reactor and laboratory services remains. The plan of action to increase the quality and efficiency of the business is progressing according to plan. However, it has not yet had a significant positive impact on net sales and profit.

### **Waste & Decommissioning**

Net sales for the SBU in the third quarter amounted to SEK 76.0 million (74.7), and for the period of January to September, to SEK 219.4 million (205.2). Operating profit for the third quarter amounted to SEK 10.2 million (12.8), and for the period of January to September, to SEK 31.4 million (-4.5). Foreign exchange effects excluding the effects of hedging had an impact on net sales and operating profit for the period of January to September amounting to SEK -29.9 million and SEK -1.8 million respectively, compared to the corresponding period last year.

The utilization of the Group's waste management facilities has been satisfactory. Production in the Erwin facility increased by about 30 per cent during the first three quarters of the year, compared with the corresponding period the previous year. Both the Swedish and the US business contributed to the improvement in profit for the SBU. The outlook for THOR Treatment Technologies LLC, which focuses on the federal nuclear waste market in the USA, continues to be positive and the number of quotations increased during the third quarter.

### **Industrial Services**

During the third quarter, net sales for the SBU amounted to SEK 170.4 million (119.1), and for the period of January to September, to SEK 407.7 million (316.0). Operating profit for the third quarter amounted to SEK 23.3 million (6.9), and for the period of January to September, to SEK 38.4 million (12.5). The SBU's main foreign currency exposure comes from the EUR. The rate of change has been stable and foreign exchange effects on net sales and operating profit are marginal.

All parts of the SBU reported growth and improved profitability. The shares held in MSI, Marieholm Stensand Industrierööring AB, which was 50-per

cent owned by Studsvik, was sold on July 1 to Skanska Miab. Capital gains, about SEK 6 million, are included in operating profit.

### **Nuclear Medicine**

Net sales for the SBU during the third quarter amounted to SEK 5.0 million (3.8), and for the period of January to September, to SEK 17.7 million (14.4). Operating profit for the third quarter amounted to SEK -3.1 million (-3.2), and for the period of January to September, to SEK -8.2 million (-8.1).

Minor deliveries made during the summer of the isotope Iodine-125, combined with the declining USD rate had a negative impact on net sales and profit. The foreign exchange effects on operating profit are estimated at SEK -1.3 million. In BNCT, preparations were under way for the next clinical trial phase protocol, which consists of a randomized 3-phase study. For this reason, no therapy was administered to patients during the third quarter.

### **Investments**

Investments for the Group during the third quarter amounted to SEK 18.6 million (19.8), and for the period of January to September, to SEK 97.6 million (39.9). Investments for the third quarter include R2 fuel for SEK 15.2 million and re-investments for SEK 3.4 million.

### **Financial Position and Liquidity**

Liquid assets amounted to SEK 224.3 million (82.9) at September 30. During the period, forward contracts in the parent company were converted. The forward contracts, totaling USD 31.1 million, are used to hedge a group loan. The conversion released SEK 64.7 million in liquid assets, although this did not have any impact on profit in the Group.

Equity amounted to SEK 533.1 million (467.9) and the equity-assets ratio to 44.3 (43.9) per cent. The conversion of the forward contracts in the parent company had a positive impact of SEK 64.7 million on consolidated equity. The effect arises through the decrease in the difference between the closing day rate, after which the liabilities of the subsidiary are translated, and the forward contract rate, after which the parent company claim is translated.

Interest-bearing liabilities amounted to SEK 224.1 million (203.1). Borrowing is conducted entirely in foreign currencies and mainly concerns the investment in the USA as well as the acquisition of SINA and IFM and corresponds to assets in the same currency. Interest-bearing liabilities decreased by SEK 25 million due to foreign exchange effects.

### **Cash Flow**

Cash flow from operating activities before working capital changes improved and amounted for the period of January to September to SEK 118.8 million

(38.5). The change in working capital for the period of January to September amounted to SEK -44.6 million (-63.7). A plan of action, focusing on reducing tied-up working capital is underway in all group companies. The cash flow generated from operations after investments was SEK -23.4 million (-65.1).

### **Personnel**

The average number of employees amounted to 1,342 (1,154). The increase is mainly attributable to the SBU Industrial Services.

### **Parent Company**

The operations of the parent company comprise co-ordinating activities for the Group and the assets mainly consist of shares in subsidiaries. Net sales for the parent company amounted during the third quarter to SEK 0.1 million (2.8), and during the period of January to September to SEK 2.8 million (8.4). Operating profit for the third quarter amounted to SEK -4.5 million (-5.3), and for the period of January to September, to SEK -19.9 million (-23.8). The decrease in net sales is attributable to the transfer of an internal group service operation to Studsvik Partner AB from April 1. During the third quarter, parent company investments amounted to SEK 0 million (0.1). Liquid assets amounted to SEK 159.7 million (36.6) and interest-bearing liabilities to SEK 147.7 million (164.8).

### **The Studsvik Share**

During the quarter, 693,000 shares were traded, corresponding to almost 9 per cent of the total shares in Studsvik. During the quarter, the maximum price paid for a share was SEK 70.50 and the minimum, SEK 49.20. The opening price at the beginning of the year was SEK 44.00 and the closing price at the end of the third quarter was SEK 67.00, a 52 per cent increase.

### **Outlook**

The business of the largest SBU in the Group, Industrial Services, is largely seasonal, focusing on the second and third quarter of the year. This is also the case for 2003. The Group as a whole is expected to also report a profit for the fourth quarter. This forecast corresponds to that made in the interim report for January to June 2003.

### **Changed Accounting Policies**

From 2003, the company is applying the seven new recommendations that enter into force from this year. The new accounting policies have had no impact on the reported financial performance and position. Consequently, the comparative figures for the previous year have not been adjusted.

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<b>Consolidated Income Statement</b>	<b>July-Sep</b>	<b>July-Sep</b>	<b>Jan-Sep</b>	<b>Jan-Sep</b>	<b>Full Year</b>
Amounts in SEK million	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2002</b>
Net sales	304.1	250.5	832.3	743.2	1,002.3
Cost of services sold	-234.6	-199.1	-636.6	-591.9	-773.5
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>195.7</b>	<b>151.3</b>	<b>228.8</b>
Selling expenses	-8.5	-8.4	-25.8	-28.8	-40.5
Administrative expenses	-30.8	-25.5	-99.1	-107.2	-139.5
Research and development costs	-8.5	-10.0	-27.7	-31.3	-46.3
Other operating income	6.1	—	7.3	0.9	0.4
Other operating expenses	0.2	—	-0.2	-0.1	-2.4
Result from participations in associated companies	0.3	0.7	2.3	1.6	2.3
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>-13.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Interest income and other similar profit/loss items	0.9	4.1	4.5	6.6	6.6
Interest expense and other similar profit/loss items	-3.4	-2.0	-10.9	-6.0	-10.5
<b>Profit after financial items</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Tax	-3.6	-3.4	-15.6	-12.9	-7.5
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>-25.9</b>	<b>-8.6</b>
Earnings per share before dilution, SEK	2.73	0.86	3.76	-3.19	-1.06
Earnings per share after dilution, SEK	2.70	0.86	3.71	-3.19	-1.06

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**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet**  
 Amounts in SEK million

	September 2003	September 2002	Full Year 2002
<b>Assets</b>			
Goodwill	119.2	80.3	77.2
Other intangible fixed assets	9.9	12.1	11.5
Tangible fixed assets	498.0	627.3	598.6
Financial fixed assets	33.3	28.5	31.6
Inventories etc	10.4	6.1	9.5
Accounts receivable – trade	204.9	115.8	155.2
Other current receivables	104.8	113.5	57.6
Cash and bank balances	224.3	82.9	120.5
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,204.8</b>	<b>1,066.5</b>	<b>1,061.7</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>			
Equity	533.1	467.9	466.2
Provisions	177.9	167.9	161.0
Long-term liabilities	219.5	191.9	189.0
Current liabilities	274.3	238.8	245.5
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>1,204.8</b>	<b>1,066.5</b>	<b>1,061.7</b>
<b>Contingent liabilities*</b>	<b>5,6</b>	<b>45,4</b>	<b>43,2</b>

**Changes in equity**

Amounts in SEK million

	September 2003	September 2002	Full Year 2002
Equity at the beginning of the period	466.2	551.6	551.6
Employee stock options	–	–	0.7
Net result for the period	30.5	-25.9	-8.6
Change in translation differences	36.4	-57.8	-77.5
Equity at the end of the period	533.1	467.9	466.2

\* The change concerns guarantees which have ceased to apply as a result of the verdict in the arbitration process against Metric Duke.

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<b>Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Full Year</b>
<b>Amounts in SEK million</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Operating profit	52.5	-13.6	2.8
Depreciation	68.7	71.8	95.6
Other non-cash items	13.4	-5.8	-37.6
	<b>134.6</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>60.8</b>
Financial items, net	-6.3	0.7	-3.9
Tax	-9.5	-14.6	-4.4
<b>Cash flow generated from operations before working capital changes</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>52.5</b>
Working capital changes	-44.6	-63.7	-46.6
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>-25.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Investments	-97.6	-39.9	-53.2
Other changes from investing activities	17.6	-16.3	-2.0
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>-80.0</b>	<b>-56.2</b>	<b>-55.2</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Employee stock options	—	—	0.7
Change, borrowings	20.5	-91.2	-85.8
Capital gains on conversion of forward contracts	88.5	—	—
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>-91.2</b>	<b>-85.1</b>
<b>Change in liquid assets</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>-172.6</b>	<b>-134.4</b>
<b>Liquid assets at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>258.0</b>	<b>258.0</b>
<b>Translation difference, liquid assets</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
<b>Liquid assets at the end of the period</b>	<b>224.3</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>120.5</b>

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<b>Data per share</b>	<b>July-Sep</b>	<b>July-Sep</b>	<b>Jan-Sep</b>	<b>Jan-Sep</b>	<b>Full Year</b>
Amounts in SEK	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2002</b>
Number of shares at the end of the period	8,114,211	8,114,211	8,114,211	8,114,211	8,114,211
Average number of shares	8,114,211	8,114,211	8,114,211	8,114,211	8,114,211
Earnings per share before dilution	2.73	0.86	3.76	-3.19	-1.06
Earnings per share after dilution	2.70	0.86	3.71	-3.19	-1.06
Equity per share	65.70	57.67	65.70	57.67	57.45
<b>Financial data per SBU</b>	<b>July-Sep</b>	<b>July-Sep</b>	<b>Jan-Sep</b>	<b>Jan-Sep</b>	<b>Full Year</b>
Amounts in SEK million	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Nuclear Technology</b>					
Net sales	58.1	59.1	217.3	242.9	323.1
Op profit before amortization of goodwill	4.9	-2.8	13.1	10.3	22.5
Operating profit	4.9	-2.8	13.1	10.3	22.5
Investments	15.9	19.2	34.6	32.2	37.3
Average number of employees	202	221	219	222	223
<b>Waste &amp; Decommissioning</b>					
Net sales	76.0	74.7	219.4	205.2	294.5
Op profit before amortization of goodwill	10.2	12.8	31.4	-4.5	7.6
Operating profit	10.2	12.8	31.4	-4.5	7.6
Investments	0.6	-0.2	2.9	1.7	4.7
Average number of employees	116	54	90	54	54
<b>Industrial Services</b>					
Net sales	170.4	119.1	407.7	316.0	412.2
Op profit before amortization of goodwill	26.6	9.4	47.5	20.0	21.9
Operating result	23.3	6.9	38.4	12.5	12.0
Investments	2.0	0.5	59.9	5.2	10.5
Average number of employees	950	832	990	848	820
<b>Nuclear Medicine</b>					
Net sales	5.0	3.8	17.7	14.4	20.0
Op result before amortization of goodwill	-3.1	-3.2	-8.2	-8.1	-11.3
Operating result	-3.1	-3.2	-8.2	-8.1	-11.3
Investments	—	—	—	0.1	0.1
Average number of employees	5	6	5	6	6
<b>Net sales per geographical segment</b>					
Sweden	94.7	78.3	252.3	236.0	305.9
Europe, excl Sweden	138.2	89.8	355.8	269.8	358.4
North America	65.8	71.9	197.3	187.8	276.8
Asia	3.4	9.8	22.8	47.8	55.2



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**Forthcoming Financial Information**

Press release, January-December 2003	February 23, 2004
Interim report, January-March 2004	April 22, 2004
Interim report, January-June 2004	August 17, 2004
Interim report, January-September 2004	October 27, 2004

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**Facts about Studsvik**

Studsvik is a high-tech company with a leading position in nuclear technology. Studsvik develops and markets products and services which contribute to solving customers' environmental, safety and quality problems through the application of primarily nuclear technology as well as other industrial processes. Studsvik's business is international and customers mainly comprise nuclear power plants and nuclear fuel producers as well as industrial companies and organizations in the health care sector. Studsvik comprises four strategic business units (SBU) – Nuclear Technology, Waste & Decommissioning, Industrial Services and Nuclear Medicine.